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Mr. P-----'s ANSWER.



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N. B. *The Reader is desired to take Notice, that as there have been several good Answers to Mr. P——'s Defence already published, the Author of the following REPLY hath purposely omitted remarking on those Paragraphs which have been fully refuted: And that the Publick may not be imposed on, he has taken Care to avoid all Repetition from other Papers.*

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Most Angry S I R,

YOU begin with letting us know, p. 3. that "*it is now high Time to take your Mask off*, and therefore "*you are resolved to speak without any Disguise.*" Now, Sir, by your good Leave, if you are a little cooler than when you wrote your Answer, and in a *rational Way* of Replying to a sober plain Question, I would ask you, how come you not to be so good as *your Word*? for it is evidently plain that you have spoken with *all the DISGUISE* you were *master of during your writing* FIT. Indeed the Mask, *the Patriot's Mask*, is really taken off, and we plainly see *what and where you are*—An Ene-

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my to our happy Constitution, link'd, joyn'd, confederated, associated with its *profess'd Enemies*; by which it appears, that should you *speake without any Disguise*, you would not say as you do in p. 5. that the present Administration is *ten times worse than that of the four last Years of Q. Anne*; nor declare in p. 13. *that you are still zealous for the support of the present Royal Family*; nor in p. 14. *that you will venture your Life and Fortune as far as any Man, in defence of it.*

No, Sir, were you to keep to your Word, and *speake without any Disguise*, you would openly profess that you have a personal Quarrel with a certain Person; that this Quarrel you are determin'd to pursue with the utmost *Revenge*; and that to this implacable (tho' private) *Re-sentment*, you are resolv'd to sacrifice the Publick, and all that is near and dear to us: And this, Sir, you would know to be a sad Truth, were you, as you say in p. 5. *the best acquainted with your self.*—But I doubt you *know your self* the least of any Person in *England*.

You

You say, p. 5. it cannot be expected
 “ that you should enter into *any Defence*
 “ of the Administration and *Measures*
 “ of the *four last Years of Q. Anne;*”
 and yet eight Lines below, you aim at a
 very sufficient *Defence*, were it true,
 “ that those *Measures were ten times*
 “ *better than the present;*” and you con-
 demn (p. 6.) the Measures of those four
 Years, and the Measures of the *last ten*
Years, upon the SAME PRINCIPLES:
 By which, Sir, it plainly appears, that
 the late Lord *Bolingbroke* was as
 much out of your good Graces *then*,
 as a certain Great Person is *now*. But
 since the former is got into your Favour,
 those Measures are much mended with
 you.—And if that Great Person, who
 is now under the Cloud of your Brow,
 should ever be admitted to the Sun-shine
 of your sweet Countenance, I doubt not
 but the present *Measures* would brighten
 soon. Thus, Sir, ’tis not the *Measures*,
 but the *Managers of those Measures*,
 you hate and condemn.—*This is Pa-*
triotism!—And here, I think, accord-
 ing to Part of your Promise, you *have*
taken off your Mask.

You

YOU go on thus, p. 7. A Letter is publish'd in the *Craftsman*, in which some Compliments are paid to you, and your Character is set off to a greater Advantage than it deserves; and your *Conduct in publick Life* is very highly commended; and more than it deserves too, if you please;—so far without Disguise,—and I grant it you. But this Gentleman was *always your Enemy*;—That I deny,—Hundreds can deny it;—and I know no other Way you have to excuse yourself for uttering such a palpable Falsity, than to fairly own, that as you was, even in the midst of *profess'd Friendship*, *always his Enemy*; so your evil Conscience dictated to you, that he must be *like yourself*, a *Traytor in Friendship*.

YOUR next Assertion is false and impudent, *viz.* that this Gentleman thought this a sufficient Foundation to revile, abuse, and asperse you, by way of Answer. The contrary is true, that this Gentleman thought nothing about it, neither was he concern'd directly or indirectly in the Answer. What follows is amazing.
viz.

viz. That this Gentleman did this,
 “ without *enquiring* whether you so
 “ much as knew of the *Honour intended*
 “ you,” (*great Honour to be coupled*
with a Traytor!) “ or if he did, whe-
 ther you approved of it or not;”—and
 then you add,—“ Don’t think to retort
 “ the Charge *on us*, by saying, that *we*
 “ attack you in the *same Manner, with-*
 “ out *enquiring* whether you was the
 “ Author of this Pamphlet, or approv’d
 “ of it. WE KNOW YOU DISOWN
 “ IT.

No, Sir, such a Retort will not be
 made on you.—You did enquire, and
 upon your Enquiry found him not to be
 the Person ; and yet you have *reviled,*
abused, and *aspersed* him, and that in the
 most *outrageous* and *scoundrel Manner*.
 Don’t you think, Sir, you would not
 have been more excusable in the Eyes of
 the World, had you libel’d this Gentle-
 man *without Enquiry*, (when the Pre-
 tence of a strong Suspicion might have
 been some Excuse for you) than thus to
 have used him *after an Enquiry* that
 had convinced you he was not the Ag-
 gressor ?

greflor ? Pray, Sir, answer me this Question.—The first, Sir, is only the Act of a hasty passionate Man ; — but the latter is that of a Madman, or one that is worse. But to palliate this Crime, you produce an Argument that makes against you, and a Piece of Criticism that exposes your Judgment.

You say, p. 8. there are several *Passages of secret History* in it, *falsly* stated and *misrepresented*, which “ *could come from no Body but him.*” Now, Sir, with humble Submission, I should think, that Passages of *Secret History truly stated*, and *fully represented*, would have been better Proofs that they came from the Master of them, than their being *false and misrepresented*;—which often, and too often happens, when Facts are related by Persons who are not thorough Masters of them. But with you, Facts falsly stated, &c. is a Proof they came from a Person who thoroughly knew them. You shall have your own Way ; and to oblige you, we will judge of your own Secret History (when we come to it) by your own Rule.

Now

Now for your Criticism : The Libel you say, p. 4. " bears the most evident " Marks of its Parent."—And, p. 8. " it " *can* come from *no Body* but a certain " Person. See what a Judge of Writing you are.—The * Author of the *Free Briton* declares, in the most solemn Manner, " that he wrote *that Pamphlet* himself; without the Participation of any " Person whatever; without the Instruction, Direction, Privy, or Consent of " *any Minister, or Person concerned with Ministers :*" And yet you are very sure in your Judgment; and can be no more mistaken than when you say, " *I am* " *told* that you have lately taken the " most eminent Authors of the *Dunciad* into your Pay." Here, good Sir, you puzzle me; I know but of *one Author* of the *Dunciad*, and that is Mr. *Pope*; if he is taken into Pay, let him (as he is well able to do it) answer for himself.—But to add Plausibility to this Piece of *Hearsay*, this *Story that was told you*, you critically add, " the late " *Pieces uttered SEEM to put this*
 B " *Point*

“ *Point beyond all Dispute?*” Good Sir, why had you not left out your *Salvo*, the Word SEEM, and have actually put the *Point roundly beyond Dispute?* and you would have been seemingly just as much in the Right as you were in your other shrewd Guesses and penetrating Judgments.—Good God! what must one think of a Writer that is driven to such Shifts! Must we not think, that either he is abandonedly given up to vouch any Thing, or that his Head-piece is so unfortunately overwhelm’d by a jealous and suspicious Temper, that it believes Dreams, and realizes Phantoms? Away then, I beseech you, Sir, with these *Budgellisms*; take Care of yourself; the Weather is hot, and let the Men of *Parts* and *Honesty* that are *listed in your Service*, write for you, at least till the Dog-Days are past;—That Compacted Body, which have *been able to battle Old England for these five Tears past*, will soon disperse a loose, disorderly Rabble, a *meer Turkish Army of Scribblers*.

YOUR 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Pages have been sufficiently reply’d to, and refuted

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futed by the *Free Briton* and other Papers.

I NOW turn to your 13th Page, where you begin, “ Believe me, good Sir, that whenever you *endeavour* to fix “ *Jacobitism* upon *this Gentleman*, (*viz.* yourself) “ you will always miscarry in “ your Design.” Now, believe me too, good Sir, there is no Occasion for such *Endeavours*; you have fix’d *Jacobitism* firm enough upon yourself; we all know *who* you *herd with*; we all know *your Friendships*; and we all know that *Birds of a Feather will flock together*. But forsooth,—“ such Insinuations will never find Credit in any Place, unless it “ be in a *certain Closet*.” — Again, you dare say “ *this Closet* is the only Place “ in the Kingdom where such Assertions “ can gain any Belief, or where the Gentleman (yourself) can be thought a “ *Jacobite*, even for Half an Hour.— Certainly, worthy Sir, such vile, such scandalous, and (I will add) seditious Insinuations as these of yours, will never find Credit in any Place, but in *Factious, Jacobite, and Traiterous Clubs*; and

were you to tack on our *Honour* to your *Dare-say*, I shall still dare to affirm, that what you insinuate is *false*. Don't flatter yourself; there are many Places in the Kingdom where you are, and have of late been, thought a *Jacobite*; or, which is worse, a *Tool of the Jacobites*, whose Drudgery you have manifestly been employ'd in these five Years past.

BUT you exclaim—“ Good God !
 “ what a Multitude of *Falshoods* must
 “ you have told in *this Closet* !” Good
 God ! what another *Budgellism* is here !
 Pray, Sir, how came you to the Knowledge of these Falshoods that have been told there ? I suppose you *heard them* ; for you have now discovered a *huge long Pair of Ears*.----“ But it *seems* there is
 “ a CURRENT REPORT, (all *Reports* are true and authentick on *your side*)
 “ that the Person with whom you converse there, (I am ashamed to repeat your Trash) “ hath lately deserted you in
 “ some of them, and hath told you very
 “ plainly that you *lyed* ; nay, as he
 “ knows you thoroughly, and must hate
 “ you heartily, that he hath likewise
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“ given you some *certain Appellations*,
 “ which, however justly they may be-
 “ long to you, I think at present a little
 “ too harsh for me to repeat in Publick.”

Now suppose, Mr. P. that this *current Report* should be a *Lye*, pray what Appellation must I give you? Can it be any Thing less than a *Spreader and Publisher of Lyes*? and, where is the Difference between a *Lyar*, and *Publisher of Lyes*, I wish you could distinguish; because I am well assured that this *current Report*, which you have now published, is a *Lye*. Good Sir, when I first read over this *crack-brain'd Paragraph*, I was almost of Opinion that it could not be yours, that it must be the Product of a certain Gentleman on *Ludgate-Hill*. But as I had not, as you have, an infallible Judgment in *distinguishing of Stiles*, and finding likewise these *Passages of Secret History falsely stated and misrepresented*, I concluded (by your own golden Rule) *it could come from no Body but yourself*.

IN your next Paragraph you say, p. 13.
 you are so “ *zealous for the Support of*
 “ the

“ the *Protestant Succession* in the present
 “ Royal Family, that *if*, by the Influ-
 “ ence of a certain Person’s pernicious
 “ Counsels, the Affections of the Peo-
 “ ple should ever be so far alienated, as
 “ to bring his Majesty’s Title into Dis-
 “ pute or Danger, you will venture your
 “ Life and Fortune as far as any Man in
 “ Defence of it.” Let me tell you, Sir,
 his Majesty would have had much more
 Reason to have thank’d you, had your
 Declaration run thus: “ That if, by the
 “ Influence of *your pernicious Writings*,
 “ the Affections of the People should e-
 “ ver be so far alienated, as to bring his
 “ Majesty’s Title into Dispute or Danger,
 “ you will venture your Life and For-
 “ tune as far as any Man in Defence of
 “ it.” But I see, as *stout* and as *zealous*
 as you are, you are unwilling to venture
 your *Life and Fortune* on *that Lay*.—
 Dear Sir, I love a Man that is resolved
 to *enjoy what he ought to enjoy*, especi-
 ally when he has as *good a Right* to it
 as *the King hath to the Crown*.

BUT still, p. 14. you will not allow
 that you have deserted your “ *old Prin-*
 “ *ciples*,

“ *ples*, tho’ it is urged, that you *are*
 “ *gone over to the Tories*, and constantly
 “ *vote in Conjunction with a Body of*
 “ *Men, sworn Enemies to WHIGS*, to
 “ *WHIG ESTABLISHMENTS*, and to
 “ *all WHIG PRINCIPLES.*”

To this you answer, “ How does this
 “ appear ? Your *voting in Conjunction*
 “ *with the Tories* is no Proof that you
 “ *are gone over to the Tories*; any more
 “ *than their voting in Conjunction with*
 “ *you*, is a Proof that *they are come over*
 “ *to you*, so as to be *led or govern’d by*
 “ *you.*” — Pray, Sir, permit me to set
 you right in this Affair, which I shall do
 by a wise and kind *Observation* of your
 own, which you have made in Excuse
 of your *Friend and Fellow-Labourer*
 HENRY OLDCASTLE, in your fifth
 Page. “ The *Necessity* you have brought
 “ yourself under of making *Peace with*
 “ *the Tories*, has render’d you *dependent on*
 “ *the Tories*, and you are *oblig’d to submit*
 “ *to their Terms*, be your Principles what
 “ they will.” I have little more than ex-
 chang’d the Word *France* for *Tories*, and
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your own Case is most exactly drawn up by your own Hand.

DON'T you remember, Sir, the Fable of the *Horse* and *Stag* in *Æsop*? But I think you have brought to my Mind a Tale more pat to your Purpose: And that is, of an old Woman, who being eaten up with *Malice*, *Spite*, and *Envy*, to revenge herself on a *Neighbour*, call'd up the *Devil*; who, when he had done her *wicked Errand*, made her go thro' all his *hellish Jobs* ever afterwards. I grant you, Sir, the *Tories* are not come over to you, so as to be led and govern'd by you; but I beseech you not to imagine that the Argument holds *vice versa*: No, Sir, you have gone over to them; you have render'd yourself dependent on them, and brought yourself under a Necessity of being led and govern'd by them. And tho' you ask, "whether you concur with them in any Thing but *Whig Points* upon *Whig Principles*?" I answer, Name *one Point* you have opposed them in.—No; you dare not oppose them: You are gone over beyond
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retreat; and no doubt will at last be as well respected and rewarded by them, as the Renegado Count *Boneval* is now by the *Turks*.---But you excuse yourself by laying before us the Example of a *Great Person*, who acted, as you say, in the same Manner; and this takes up above two Pages (p. 15, 16.) of your long angry Letter; and all that can be understood by it is, that the Gentleman (whom you so kindly hint at there) tho' he voted with the *Tories*, yet not being blown over to them with that Hurricane of *Resentment*, *Spight*, and *Revenge*, as you are, took Care not to be made the *Dupe* and *Cats-Foot* of his occasional *Auxiliaries*.

YOU are very angry, p. 17. because you are charged with “*opposing the King's Affairs in general, and attempting to distress the publick Service in every Branch of the Government.*” And then you defy any one to prove it.

I SHALL not enter into any Transactions that may have passed in the
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House of Commons ; because every Member who has attended there, must be a better Judge of them than others. But give me Leave, gentle Sir, to ask you a few *Questions*, which are grounded upon some Observations made without Doors.

ARE not Peace and War, both the *King's* and the *Nation's Affairs* ? I take it for granted you will answer, *Yes*. Then I ask you, what *Nation* will treat with *another*, whose *Government* is represented to them as *weak*, and *Administration* wicked ? When they shall be made to believe that the *Ministry*, with whom they are to transact, will *soon be changed*, and that nine Parts in ten are disaffected to their King ; Will they not treat those who are thus represented, those whom they are made to believe to be thus, *weak, wicked, and inconstant* ; I say, will they not treat them with all the *Delays, Coldness, and Reserve* possible ? Will they not wait for these *Changes*, and the *Operation* of this *Disaffection* that they are thus assured of ? And when they find these infamous Charges still pursued and repeated, will they

they not be apt to act even with *Contempt, Haughtiness, and Insult*?

AND now, Sir, what have you been doing for these last five Years? Have not you all this Time been scandalously traducing and vilifying this Government? Have not you represented it *weak*? the *Administration wicked*? Have not you insinuated, strongly insinuated, the Disaffection of the People to the Prince? and publickly proclaimed the Enemies of the Administration to be the grand Majority of the Nation?—Can you possibly deny this? Then with what Face can you condemn, can you so loudly exclaim against, the late Treaties; whose *Delays*, whose *Defects* (if they have any) are all entirely owing to your own *sedition Practices*? For shame, Sir, stick to your Promise, *speake without any Disguise*, and fairly say what you are;—an *Opposer* of the *King's Affairs*, and a *Distresser* of the *publick Service*.

YOUR 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th Pages are sufficiently explained and

futed by the *Free Briton*. I come to your 27th Page, where you ingenuously tell us, “ *that when you acted with,*
 “ *and endeavoured to support a certain*
 “ *Gentleman, you had much the same O-*
 “ *pinion of him in his private Capacity,*
 “ *as you have at present:* And if we may be allowed to collect out of your Writings what *that Opinion* is, we may venture to affirm, that it is the worst that ever one Man had of another; and yet you own you acted with, and endeavour’d to support this monstrous bad Man, even when you thought him so.—
 O worthy Patriot! honest Mr. P.!--It seems too this *wicked* Man was guilty of the Sin of *Nine-Pins*, in a Place where he could have no other Exercise. ’Tis pity you had not play’d with him there, and then we should have had all the *Tittle-Tattle* of the Alley, *wisely* and *faithfully* communicated to us. Again,

You complain of *Party Prejudices*, p. 28. “ which you say, often depress
 “ Men of the *greatest Abilities*, whilst
 “ the most *Unworthy* are *exalted*.” We know whom you mean by *these* Men; and

and you partly explain yourself by asking, " Have we not an Instance of this
 " in the Case of the *other Gentleman*
 " (late Lord *Bolingbroke*) who hath
 " been prevented by *this Misfortune*,
 " (i. e. *Party Prejudices*) from exert-
 " ing his *unquestionable Capacities* in
 " the *Service of his Country*." Good
 God ! how *Patriotism* hath open'd Mr.
P——'s Eyes ! Alas, how blind was
 Mr. *P*. in the latter Part of *Q. Anne's*
 Time, when he foolishly thought, with
 the rest of Mankind, that Lord *Boling-*
broke was not only a *wicked and weak*
Minister, but an *abandon'd Traytor* !
 Poor Man ! had he seen thro' the same
 Spectacles then as he does now, he
 would have plainly perceived, that the
 making that *infamous Peace* with *France*
 proceeded from his Friend's *great Abi-*
lities ; that the Butchery of our *Allies*
 in *Flanders*, and the perfidious Deliver-
 ing up the *Catalans*, were the Result of
 his *exerting his unquestionable Capac-*
ities in the Service of his Country ; and
 that all Prosecutions against him, upon
 that Score, were the Effects of *Party*
Prejudices. And thus, Sir, you con-
 clude,

clude, that not copying from this *Great Man's Abilities*, and his *unquestionable Capacities*, is “*mere peddling in Politics*, and *acting to the infinite Dishonour and Detriment to the Nation.*”

BUT it seems, good Sir, “*this, with you, is not changing your Notions of Right or Wrong in Matters of Government;*” this is “*not renouncing the Principles of good Policy, which you formerly profess'd.*” No, you utterly disavow it. But “*is it not possible for a Man, who sets out in the World with a good Character, to forfeit it afterwards?*” Your great Predecessors *Catiline*, *Cethegus*, and the *Gracchi* might be very *honest Patriots*, for ought I know, before their Heads were turn'd giddy with insatiable *Ambition*, *Pride*, and *Envy.*”

INDEED, Sir, you should never insist on the *Topick* of your *Steadiness*: “*It may do well enough in a popular Assembly:*——But you should never trust such idle *Trash* in *Print.*”

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To vindicate yourself from the Charge of acting from Motives of *Disappointment* and *Revenge*, (with which it seems “ your Ears have been “ almost stunn’d for above these *four* “ *Years past*) you ask’d in the *Crafts-* “ *man, Whether the ABUSE which you* “ *apprehend was made*, (by a certain “ Person) of his POWER; *whether* “ *Measures which you fear are WICK-* “ *ED, know to be weak, and see obsti-* “ *nately pursued, may not be your Mo-* “ *tives?*” To this I reply, This *Abuse of Power*, and *these wicked Measures*, (with which you have almost stunn’d the Ears of the People for above *these four Years past*) have not been proved yet; nor *one particular Fact* brought in all that Time, tho’ *constantly required and expected* from you. Can we think it then any thing else but *Clamour, malicious, envious Clamour*, arising merely from *Disappointment* and *Revenge*? And till you bring your *Vouchers*, we shall never be so weak as to conclude, that you *act* from *Motives* founded on these wise *Apprehensions* and *Fears* of yours.—No, Sir, we must, we cannot avoid

avoid thinking, that when a Man's *Patriotism* commences with his *Disappointments* and *Loss of Place*, and no Proof of Male-Administration produced for four Years afterwards ; I say, we must determine *that Patriotism* to be the *revengeful* Offspring of those *Disappointments* : And to think otherwise, would be to *abandon common Sense*.

Whether you will think this a *positive Charge* or not, I can't tell ; — neither do I care.

And 'tis of as little Import to me, (p. 30.) whether *you expected* AND *insisted on a Great Employment*.—You say positively, No. I doubt that *Copulative*, AND, stands you here in good Stead. Perhaps you might not have much *INSISTED*. — But, sweet Sir, lay your Hand on your Heart, and tell me as boldly, “ *you did not EXPECT a Great Employment*. If you can sincerely do this, you will clear up this Paragraph of your's much more to my Satisfaction, than 'tis as it now stands.

YOUR

YOUR next Paragraph, p. 30, 31. is composed of such mean, silly, and withal spiteful *Sophistry*, that it is not worth one's Notice.

IN your next is a merry Discourse on *Contingencies*; that is, what might have been your *Actions*, had you succeeded in your *Expectation* of a great Employment; where you are so modest as, p. 32. *not to say what you would, or would not have done* in such a Case.— And I think you do well.— For when a Man can be *wicked* and *weak* enough to betray, nay to misrepresent, *private Conversations*, it would be a bold Stroke to prophecy any *Good* that he will be *likely* to do when he is in a *publick Station*.

I SHALL pass over your next eleven Pages; they containing nothing more than mean personal Reflections, and silly Altercations, with a long Account of your Estate; which you say is large, and came to you *honestly*.—Long may you QUIETLY and HAPPILY enjoy it! Which that you may effectually do, may you quell that raging Lust of Power,

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that ambitious, revengeful, and implacable Temper, which at present renders you miserable. Be happy, and let the Nation be happy too.

I COME now to your Gossip's Tale of a *House to be pulled down and plundered*, p. 44. 45. Whether there is one Word of Truth in it, I know not: But, were it all true, the Story is so *silly*, that 'tis impossible it should come from any other Person than a doting old Woman, or a *Man out of his Senses*.

You seem to make a Jest of your *Vow of Destruction*, which, with a Sneer you say, " the *Dunciad Advocates* have
 " represented a thousand times over, as
 " the *most bloody-minded Vow* that ever
 " was made;" and yet, with your usual Consistency, you take mighty Pains to confirm the *Truth* and *Reality* of this *Vow*. You say, p. 47. " you have con-
 " sulted one another on it; that you
 " are come to a determined Resolu-
 " tion; and that 'tis a Measure taken
 " amongst you [*Patriot Conspirators*]
 " not to listen to *any Treaty* FROM
 " WHOM-

“ WHOMSOEVER it may come, in
 “ which the first and principal Condi-
 “ tion shall not be *to deliver* up a certain
 “ Person to *the Justice of his Country.*”
 And again, p. 48. “ An Alteration of
 “ *Ministers* would be of little Service
 “ to the Publick : An Alteration of
 “ *Measures* is the Thing *expected* and
 “ *required.*

FINELY said, young *Catiline* ! I
 fancy your Predecessor was too wise to
 blab out the *Secrets* of his *Patriot*
Scheme ! No, he put *Tully* and the *Se-*
nate to the Trouble of finding those
 out. I wonder, Sir, that, when your
 Hand was in, you had not given us a
 List of these Gentlemen of the *Consult* ;
 they would have been vastly oblig'd to
 you. But, perhaps, you keep that in *re-*
serve, to *publish hereafter*, when you
 may be at Variance with them. And,
 whenever such a Time shall happen,
 which may not be long first, for you are
 somewhat fickle, I doubt not but the
Publick will be obliged with some more
private Conversations and *secret Histo-*
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ries. But to proceed upon those we have already published by you.

You say, p. 50. you must do another Thing *very disagreeable* to you; and what is that? why that is, "open a Scene of *private Conversation*." How *disagreeable* this is to you, every one who has read your Answer will be a competent Judge: For my Part, from what I have seen of your Performance, I cannot but conclude the betraying of *private Conversation* to be very *agreeable to you*; and, indeed, had it not been so, it would have been impossible for you to have published such a Parcel of idle contradictory old Wives Tales.

It seems you are charged with *expecting* a great Employment, p. 50. "That being *disappointed in this Expectation*, "your Patriotism took its Rise from *thence*."--This you affirm to be a *direct Falshood*. Tho' I have taken Notice of this already, I can't avoid repeating Part of what I then said, *viz.* "That when a "Man's *Patriotism* commences with his "Disappointments and Loss of Place,
" and

“ and no *Proof* of Male-Administration
 “ produced for four Years afterwards,
 “ I say we must determine *that Patriotism*
 “ to be the *revengeful* Off-spring
 “ of those *Disappointments*. Therefore,
 good Sir, bring some strong Proofs; for
 till you do, we shall not credit you.

You say, p. 51. you understood the
Person's Meaning when he offered you
 the Secretary's Place. I really believe
 you: For, by your own Account, it ap-
 pears, that tho' you disliked the Payment
 of the *Civil List's Debts*, you at the
 same Time voted for *that* Payment. As
 for the *private Conversation* (p. 52.) that
 pass'd between the *late King* and your
 self (which you here expose for the Sake
 of reconciling your unaccountable Pro-
 ceedings, and which doth not at all re-
 concile them,) p. 53. I much doubt the
 Veracity of your Report in it, having
 good Reason so to do, by your being so
 loose, and so horrid contradictory and
 improbable in your other Secret Histo-
 ries, and more especially in that which
 follows.

You begin, p. 53. — “ Since we
 “ are now upon the Head of *Secret Hi-*
story,

“ *story*, you must explain another Point
 “ in your Defence ;”— and then “ you
 “ promise, that in all Points of a *Secret*
 “ *Nature*, where no other Proof can
 “ be had, but the HONOUR of the Per-
 “ sons asserting on *one Side*, and on the
 “ *other*, the *World* hath nothing else to
 “ decide upon but their *Characters* ;”—
 and then, (p. 54.) not doubting but the
 World will be of your *Honour's* Side,
 you *aver upon your Honour* that —
 This puts me in mind of a Picture drawn
 some time after the Reformation, where
 the *Pope*, the *Devil*, and the *World*, are
 put in one Scale, and the *Bible* in the
 other, which still out-poises. — Dear Sir,
 let me tell you, that *Improbabilities*,
Inconsistencies, *Nonsense*, and *Falsities*,
 can never be made *Probabilities*, *Consis-*
stencies, *Sense*, and *Truth*, by an AVER-
 MENT UPON HONOUR. — The *Story*
 which you here vouch upon your *Ho-*
nour is full of *these*, tho' artfully cook'd
 up with a great deal of venomous Spleen.
 As it has been sufficiently refuted in o-
 ther Papers, I shall not repeat any Part
 of this scandalous Piece here ; but only
 dismiss it with this general Observation
 that

that is, You here AVER UPON YOUR HONOUR, that the *Great Person*, with whom you have not been able to cope for these five Years past, I say, you AVER UPON YOUR HONOUR, that this *same Person* is the GREATEST FOOL ON EARTH; which must be allow'd, if this Piece of *Secret History* of yours be TRUE. Whether the World will be brought into *that Opinion*, by your *honourable Averment*, I leave others to guess.

It seems, Sir, (p. 59.) “you are very *happy in the Applauses of your Country* ;” which *Applauses*, you say, you never stoop'd to *any unworthy Methods* of Courting. — I wish you had *aver'd* this too on your *Honour* ; because, raising groundless Cavils against the Government, bringing general and false Accusations against the Administration, embarrassing all Publick Affairs, and clamouring at those Embarrassments, weekly spreading Sedition to enflame the People, and to make them dissaffected to his Majesty, and to his whole Family, are very WORTHY METHODS of COURTING POPULARITY.

AFTER

AFTER a partial Account (p. 61.) of a Pamphlet, which you would maliciously insinuate to be written by a Person who did NOT write it ; and whom you infamously affirm to have *encouraged a Report* about Town, that it was written by a *certain noble Lord*, which is entirely false :—Both *Budgellisms*, and just as true as his “ Story of that *Great Person’s* hiring an *Attorney* to ruin him :” You wind up the whole (p. 62.) with a Declaration of your *Zeal* for the Happiness of *his Majesty’s* Government, and Prosperity of his Family ; in which I shall heartily join with you, only altering one Word. — “ May the *British Crown* never depart from them ; and, “ to secure it on their Heads, may *Liberty* always flourish under their Influence and Protection ! May his *present Majesty’s* Reign be long and glorious ; even much more glorious than it hath hitherto been ! And, to “ give the fullest Testimony of my Zeal, “ and the Sincerity of my Intentions, “ may he be deliver’d, in good Time, “ from your *seditious Practices* !

F I N I S.